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PROFITS OF STEEL TRUST ARE LARGER THAN EVER BEFORE

Total Earnings for Three Months Largest for Any Similar Period in History of the Corporation.

COMMON SHARES IN OLD FORM

Restored to Their Regular Dividend Status of Five Per Cent by Disbursement.

ACTION WAS FORESHADOWED

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—United States Steel common shares were restored to their regular dividend status of 5 per cent today when the directors unanimously declared a quarterly disbursement of 1 1/4 per cent out of earnings for the last quarter of 1915. Total earnings of \$51,232,788 for the three months were the largest for any similar period in the history of the corporation, exceeding the previous record, made in the second quarter of 1907, by \$5,729,083.

The statement of earnings, no less than the action on the dividends, was in line with popular expectations, forecasts having ranged from \$45,000,000 to \$55,000,000, although the latter figure was regarded as rather extravagant.

That some fair rate of dividend would be declared was foreshadowed in the recent decision of the corporation to increase the wages of its unskilled laborers by 10 per cent, and the offering of the common stock to employees on the profit-sharing plan at \$5.

The corporation's financial position may be judged from the fact that it now has cash in banks amounting to \$105,000,000, while its surplus for the last quarter of 1915 amounts to more than \$23,000,000, against a deficit of \$5,600,000 in the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

Thirty-Three Night Riders Plead Guilty

NEW MADRID, Mo., Jan. 25.—Thirty-three defendants in the night rider trials here pleaded guilty today, thus bringing the trials to a sudden end.

More Arkansas Convicts Escape

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 25.—Between fifteen and twenty prisoners on the Pulecki county farm escaped from custody today while repairing a road, according to reports received at the sheriff's office. The men rushed into the woods. Bloodhounds were sent in pursuit.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Probably snow; continued cold.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.	
Time	Deg.
5 a. m.	13
6 a. m.	12
7 a. m.	11
8 a. m.	10
9 a. m.	9
10 a. m.	8
11 a. m.	7
12 m.	6
1 p. m.	5
2 p. m.	4
3 p. m.	3
4 p. m.	2
5 p. m.	1
6 p. m.	0
7 p. m.	-1
8 p. m.	-2
9 p. m.	-3
10 p. m.	-4
11 p. m.	-5
12 m.	-6

Comparative Local Record.

Year	High	Low
1915	23	-11
1914	22	-10
1913	21	-9
1912	20	-8
1911	19	-7
1910	18	-6
1909	17	-5
1908	16	-4
1907	15	-3
1906	14	-2
1905	13	-1
1904	12	0
1903	11	1
1902	10	2
1901	9	3
1900	8	4

Reports from Stations at 7 P. M.

Station and State	Temp.	High	Low	Wind	Clouds
Chester, Mo.	10	15	5	W	bc
Des Moines, Ia.	8	13	3	W	bc
North Platte, Neb.	6	11	1	W	bc
Omaha, Neb.	5	10	0	W	bc
Lincoln, Neb.	4	9	-1	W	bc
Sioux Falls, S. D.	3	8	-2	W	bc
Yankton, S. D.	2	7	-3	W	bc
Valentine, Neb.	1	6	-4	W	bc

T indicates trace of precipitation.

MOOSERS WANT COMPLETE TICKET

Thirty-Five Who Assemble at Call of State Chairman Reach Tentative Agreement.

TO CALL ANOTHER CONFERENCE

A full state, congressional and presidential elector ticket is to be placed in the field in the fall by the moozers, if the agreement reached at the roundup of thirty-five local and state "leaders" at the Paxton yesterday is to prevail with a full-grown conference called for at Lincoln, February 22.

The meeting yesterday was called by State Chairman Frank P. Corrick. Twenty-seven state moozers took lunch together and a half dozen more strolled in for the afternoon talk.

Resolutions Adopted. The gist of the accumulated sentiment of the day was finally boiled into the following resolution: "Resolved, That a state-wide conference of the progressives be held at Lincoln, Neb., February 22, 1916, for the purpose of selecting and recommending candidates to be voted for at the state primary, as follows: For national committee, for delegates and alternatives to the national convention to be held at Chicago, June 7, and for candidates for presidential electors, and that a full state and congressional ticket be placed in the field; and to transact such other business as may come before it."

J. P. Hanson of Fremont is being mentioned by the moozers for governor, as also is Harry Sackett of Gage county, who ran for governor last time, but State Chairman Corrick says he does not know whether Mr. Sackett will make the race. The rumor is that Sackett is ready to call himself a republican again.

The progressives are in hopes of having George W. Perkins at the conference of February 22. They are not yet certain of being able to get him.

Idaho Moozer Drops In

Colonel James M. Ingersoll of Pocatello, Idaho, national committeeman from his state, wandered into the conference, quite by accident, as he just happened to be passing through Omaha on his way home from the east.

Colonel Ingersoll ventured the guess that, next to Senator Borah, the republicans of Idaho are for Colonel Roosevelt. He says they are all waiting to see what is going to happen to Borah. Among those present from out in the state were: Frank P. Corrick, Lincoln; H. Gordon Cross, Boone county; J. C. Jenkins, Antelope county; George W. Baldwin, Saline county; A. E. Ailly, Adams county; C. E. Byars, Valley county; W. T. Willis, Boyd county; J. P. Gibbons, Buffalo county; H. F. Turner, Dodge county; O. D. Mardis, Nemaha county; J. C. Harpham, Lancaster county; H. P. Rankin, Lancaster county; W. C. Crooks, Lancaster county; Will S. Jay, Lancaster county; E. E. Gustin, Lancaster county; J. L. Kennard, Lancaster county; J. C. Smith, Grand Island; and Dr. E. E. Smith, Frontier county.

Four Thousand of Turks Are Captured

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Four thousand Turks, including fifty officers, were captured by the Russians in the recent battle in the neighborhood of Erzerum, according to advices from Petrograd to Reuters' Telegram company. The Russians are also said to have captured scores of machine guns and enormous quantities of munitions.

Sultan's Yacht Hit by French Torpedo

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Athens says that the sultan's yacht, Ertokroal, was torpedoed in the Bosphorus by a French submarine in the latter part of December. The vessel was seriously damaged, but is still afloat.

German Aeroplanes Bombard Dunkirk

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A British official report from Dunkirk states that two aeroplanes dropped bombs on Dunkirk about 6 o'clock this morning. It is added that a German seaplane was forced to the water by a British machine northeast of Nieuport about 8 o'clock this morning.

MANN FEARS A WAR WITH BRITAIN MORE THAN WITH TEUTONS

Republican Leader of House Makes Vigorous Speech in Favor of Preparedness While Both Sides Cheer.

CANNOT DISREGARD DANGER

Remarks that He Was "Little Army and Navy Man," but Isn't Any More.

URGES NO PARTICULAR PLAN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Unqualified, nonpartisan support of military preparedness was urged today by Minority Leader Mann in a ringing speech on the floor of the house. He was heartily and repeatedly applauded by both sides of the chamber.

While it has been understood that most of the republicans favored army and navy increases, until today none of their leaders had spoken on the subject. Consequently, coming as it did, on the eve of the president's departure on a preparedness speaking tour, Mr. Mann's address was regarded as particularly significant. He remarked himself that he always had been known as a "small army and navy man."

Representative Mann beamed his plea on the ground that it behooves the United States now to prepare for any eventualities that may come as a result of the European war. He declared that he saw now immediate danger of war and hoped that peace might prevail, but that the danger of the United States being drawn into the present conflict or one that might result from it was too great to be disregarded.

"I have much more fears in the end of war with England than I have of war with Germany," he said. That was his only comment on this phase of his subject. Later he declined to elaborate on his remarks.

Time to Prepare. Mr. Mann urged no particular preparedness plan. He said he favored a standing army of 500,000 or 600,000 men, better coast defenses and "a navy which will be able to defend us on the sea." He promised to go into these details at greater length later.

S. S. Chamberlain, Newspaper Man, Dies Suddenly

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Samuel S. Chamberlain, a newspaper executive known from coast to coast, died here early today from heart failure after a brief illness. He came here recently on a visit, and is survived by his widow, at the family home at Chappaqua, N. Y., a son who is a newspaper publisher in New York, and a daughter.

Mr. Chamberlain, the son of a newspaper man, started his career on the New York World, and later became private secretary to James Gordon Bennett. In 1889 he went to work on the San Francisco Examiner, and except for one year was employed continuously thereafter on the Hearst papers, for the most part as an organizer and builder.

Mr. Chamberlain was born at Waltham, N. Y., September 25, 1853. He completed his education at New York university in 1871, and entered newspaper work.

Bryce Asks America To Help Armenians

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington, today asked the government of the United States to take steps to send relief to the Armenians who, he states, have been driven by the Turks into the deserts of Syria and Mesopotamia.

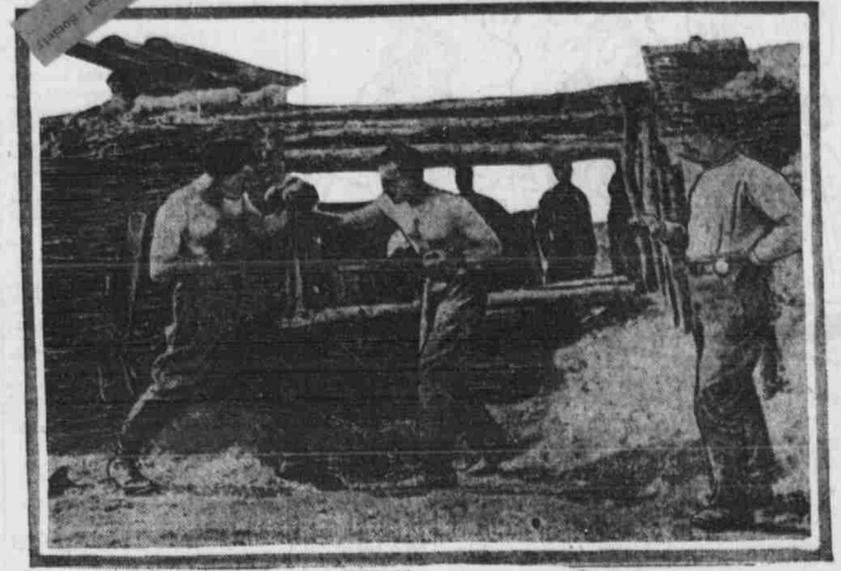
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Lord Beresford Says Navy Could Have Ended War if Given Chance

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The demand of the press for a more stringent blockade is reinforced today by a letter from Admiral Lord Beresford of Metemeh and Curzshuore.

BOXING A FAVORITE SPORT BEHIND THE TRENCHES—In this picture two French artillerymen are boxing it up in proper style by the side of a small "bombproof." The man at the right is the keeper holding a watch. This is the way the men get recreation after hours of hard service.



FRENCH ARTILLERY MEN BOXING © INTL. FILM SERVICE.

RATES ARE RAISED IN WEST NEBRASKA

Union Pacific Charges Interstate Rates Because of Short Cut-Off Into Colorado.

SANDHILL CHAPS UP IN ARMS

Nebraskans living in towns along the main line of the Union Pacific west of the point where the road enters Colorado, runs five or six miles, and then comes back into this state, are up in arms over an advance made in passenger rates. The rate has been increased since the interstate Commerce commission permitted the roads to increase their interstate and not their intrastate rates.

From Omaha to Pine Bluff, a distance of 40 miles, the Union Pacific runs through Nebraska, with the exception of five or six miles, just west of Julesburg, where the line swerves to the south. The fact that the road runs into Colorado and then back into Nebraska gives it a legal right to charge the increased rate at all points west of where it enters this state after having come out of Colorado.

Sheriff's Posse and Bandits Battle in Hills of Arkansas

MENA, Ark., Jan. 25.—The report of a battle in nearby mountains between a sheriff's posse and bandits, alleged to be members of a gang which recently held up a bank at Heavener, Okla., was reported to the sheriff's office late last night. The message said one man had been killed and three wounded, but did not reveal the identity of either. An appeal for help was made and reinforcements left early today.

Three Thousand Britons Fall as They Make Attack Upon Turk foe

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—(By Wireless to St. Louis.)—The British force going to the relief of the troops surrounded by Turks at Kut-el-Amara, attacked the Turkish positions near Menzidi on January 21, but were repulsed after an engagement lasting six hours, according to an official report issued by the Turkish headquarters staff. The British, the announcement says, lost about 3,000 dead on the field.

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CATTLE AND SHEEP MEN MAY AGREE

President Heard Says Old Controversy Over Division of Range is Near Settlement.

MARKETING IS BIG PROBLEM

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—Market conditions and the relation of cattlemen to public lands and grazing were the principal topics discussed by Dwight B. Heard, president of the American National Live Stock association, in his address here today at the convention of the association. Mr. Heard expressed gratification at his ability to "report that there is now a general disposition on the part of the chief men of the grazing states to co-operate with them in a definite form of federal control for the unappropriated unreserved public lands."

"This," he added, "carried out along lines of good judgment will eliminate for all time the friction which has so long existed between sheep and cattlemen. It will also mean better breeding, the development of additional water supply and the production upon the vast area of public grazing lands of a great number of animals annually."

VILLA'S FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF ADMITTED

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 25.—Manuel Medina-Villa, former chief of staff to Francisco Villa at Juarez, was admitted to the United States by immigration authorities, after the three days' hearing.

SWEDEN FIRM FOR NEUTRAL RIGHTS

Leaders of All Parties in Parliament Endorse Statement of Policy by Premier.

STANDS BY INTERNATIONAL LAW

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Jan. 24.—(Via London, Jan. 25.)—Maintenance of neutrality in conformity with the principles of international law was the keynote of all the speeches before both houses of Parliament today, when debate on the budget was opened. Leaders of all parties dwelt on the vital unanimity of the Swedish people in favoring firm and impartial neutrality. Premier Hammarskiold declared this to be the policy of the government.

"We repudiate the idea that our policy means we will not abandon neutrality under any conditions. It is our fervent desire to keep peace, and it is our duty to work for this end with all our might, but we must also reckon with eventualities in which maintenance of peace, in spite of all our efforts, would no longer be profitable."

Co-operates with Others. Sweden, the premier continued, has endeavored constantly to co-operate with other neutrals, particularly Denmark and Norway, to promote common aims. In these efforts Sweden has been successful to a considerable degree, he said, adding: "We regret that these united efforts for the rights and welfare of neutral powers and for preservation, as mentioned in the speech from the throne, of the inheritance of international law, which we have no control, and to judge which we have no right."

"But it is our conviction that the success of such efforts would be to the advantage, materially and ideally, not only of Sweden, but of other neutral countries and of belligerents."

The present grouping of the powers will not be eternal. In other circumstances a belligerent perhaps will be very sorry that it has for the sake of an often doubtful and temporary advantage torn up treaties and provisions of international law when it is too late to restore them."

Lobeck Announces He Will Run Again

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(Special Telegram.)—Representative Lobeck, conformably to the primary laws of the state, today forwarded to the secretary of state of Nebraska his formal declaration that he will be a candidate for congress from the Second district.

The Day's War News

AFTER A LONG PERIOD OF comparative inactivity in Belgium heavy fighting has broken out, with the initiative in the hands of the Germans. The French official report of today states that after a heavy bombardment the Germans launched an attack with infantry over a front of 1,500 yards near Nieuport.

BOMBS DROPPED INTO GIEVGLI AND MONASTIR

Sixteen French Aeroplanes Make a Long Trip from Saloniki to Important Cities in Macedonia.

MANY KILLED AND WOUNDED

Fighting is Renewed on a Large Scale in Belgium and Western France.

GERMANS DESTROY CATHEDRAL

PARIS, Jan. 25.—The Serbian towns of Monastir and Gievglj have again been attacked by a squadron of French aeroplanes, sixteen in number, the Athens correspondent of the Havaas agency telegraphs. It is estimated 100 persons were killed or wounded at Gievglj.

All the French aeroplanes returned in safety. In some cases they covered a distance of 190 miles.

Battles in Belgium and France. The French war office statement on the progress of hostilities given out this afternoon says that last night there was continued artillery activity in the vicinity of Nieuport in Belgium. The results of this are described as favorable to the French.

German troops at one point penetrated the first line of French trenches, but they were at once driven out after a very spirited fight.

In the Artois district yesterday evening German forces attacked the French lines over a distance of 1,500 yards. The preparatory work consisted in the explosion of a number of mines, followed by a very violent bombardment.

The Germans were driven back to their lines by the French fire, according to the official statement. They were successful in occupying some craters, however, but from most of these they were later expelled.

German Destroy Cathedral. BERLIN, Jan. 25.—(Via London.)—The cathedral at Nieuport, says the German official statement issued this afternoon, has been destroyed by German artillery fire, as it was offering an excellent observation post.

The cathedral was built in the fifteenth century and restored in 1900. The church had a massive baroque tower with a roof made of modern iron. It contained a Gothic pulpit, renaissance choir stalls and roof left and a sculptured altar in the baroque style of 1828.

Nancy Bombed. PARIS, Jan. 25.—The city of Nancy was again bombarded this morning by long range German guns, and this afternoon a number of bombs were dropped from German aeroplanes. The damages from the bombardment were considerable and only two persons were wounded, while the aeroplane attack is reported to have been without result.

It was announced from Paris on January 5 that during the three preceding days six persons had been killed and ten wounded in Nancy as the result of a bombardment of the city by German Heinkel-type guns. Alarming rumors having circulated as to the havoc caused by the bombardment and consequent panic among inhabitants, the prefect of the department in which Nancy is situated issued a circular discrediting the rumors. On the day mentioned President Poincaré went to Nancy and passed the entire day there. As a precautionary measure, the art works in the galleries of the city were removed to Troyes. Safe conducts were issued to 3,000 persons to leave the city on the occasion of the three days' bombardment.

Chalmette Plant Resumes

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 25.—The Chalmette plant of the American Sugar Refining company, closed several weeks because of a strike, resumed operations today. About 600 of the 1,000 employees were put to work.

Remnants of Montenegro's Troops

Remnants of Montenegro's troops, driven from their own lands, are falling back through Albania, fighting as they go. Apparently the main Montenegrin army as an organized unit has ceased to exist, for the cable reports speak of the present hostilities as guerrilla warfare.

Report from Constantinople

REPORT FROM CONSTANTINOPLE says the famous German field marshal, Baron Von Der Goltz, has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Turkish forces in the Caucasus. The field marshal will be assisted by the Grand Duke Nicholas, who with a reinforced army, has recently won a series of victories which have brought Erzerum within the range of his guns.